

July 11, 2021 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THE END OF AN ERA

For many years, the **Sisters of Saint Benedict** have taught and served in various other ministries here in the North Hills, including Saint Teresa of Avila School, Saint Athanasius School, and Saint Benedict Academy. While teaching at Saint Teresa, they lived in the **convent** (pictured here) located next to the school building, which is now our Parish Center. The convent was originally intended to house 10 sisters, but the plans were altered to accommodate up to 20, although it was a tight fit.

Recently, the last three remaining Benedictine sisters—**Sister Irene, Sister Florence, and Sister Rosalyn**—departed to **return to their monastery in Bakerstown**, so our convent is now empty for the first time. Sister Irene informed me just before she left that the building “needs work,” so we will need to assess its usefulness and determine what to do with it. Meanwhile, we are filled with a **sense of deep gratitude** for the many years of service the Sisters of Saint Benedict have given us.



And it is either coincidence or irony that at the same time as the sisters are moving out, **Sister Karen Brink** is joining our staff as Director of Parish Social Ministry. Sister Karen **will continue in her role as Prioress of the Benedictine Sisters in Bakerstown** and will also reside there while she takes on her new responsibilities here.

We'll keep you informed about possible future plans for the building.

IN OTHER NEWS: This week we observe the feast of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Because she is our canonically designated patroness, the feast here is elevated to the **rank of solemnity**. Our icons will be unveiled in our churches, ready for the blessing at the weekend Masses. And don't forget about the **blessing of our Parish Center** by our **Regional Vicar, Father John Gizler**, at 12:30 pm on Sunday, along with a **reception with refreshments** and tours of the building offices and meeting rooms....Stay tuned for more news....

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

“Do not fear death so much, but rather the inadequate life.”

- *Bertolt Brecht*

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Parish Summer Festival News

Auction Donations Needed

We are particularly in need of wine/spirits, scratch-off lottery tickets, gift cards and monetary donations. Please drop auction donations off at the Parish Center, 800 Avila Court. Questions? Contact Connie at con926@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Festival Volunteer Sign-Ups Begin Next Week

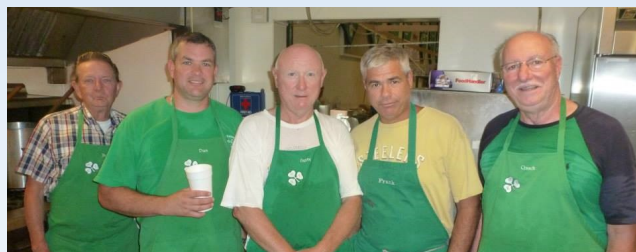
Next weekend kicks off volunteer signup for the festival. Sign-up sheets will be available at all four churches. We could really use your help this year. There are plenty of new games and fantastic prizes. Families: Consider signing up together!

Poker/Blackjack Dealers and Helpers Wanted

We need poker and blackjack dealers and helpers. Never dealt before? We can teach you! Call the Festival Hotline at 412-367-9001, ext. 8570 if interested.

Flea Market Sort Night 7/14

Plan to join us this Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.. Get in on the fun! Volunteers are needed. Just show up and ask for Darlene.



July 15: Eat & Pray at Mayer Park

This Thursday, July 15, our Eat & Pray in the Park summer Mass and meal takes place at Mayer Park on Mayer Drive in Ross Township. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for Mass followed by dinner and fellowship. Reserve your space at 412-219-9254 or www.mountcarmelpgh.org.

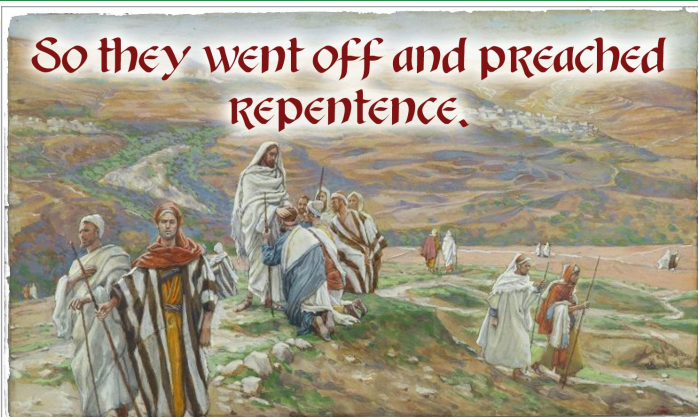
READINGS *Amos 7:12-15*

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-14* (Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.)

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:7-13*

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.



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Father John Rushofsky to Speak Following July 13th Rosary

Plan to join the Spirit Refill Team on Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church to pray the Rosary, then listen to an inspiring presentation entitled "The Sacrament of Confession: What It Is, and What It Isn't" by Father Rushofsky, pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. All are invited. Masks are required for those not fully vaccinated. Registration is not required, but please bring your Rosary.

Please Support Our Fundraising Initiative to Defray Icon Costs

To cover the costs associated with the creation and installation of the new icons, we are asking for your help. Please visit www.mountcarmelpgh.org and click on the icon link for detailed information and a form you can download and complete to make your donation.



Baptism Preparation Workshop this Wednesday

It takes place this Wednesday, July 14 at St. Sebastian Church. To register, call Mary Ann at 412-367-9001, ext. 8419 or email mcooper@mountcarmelpgh.org.



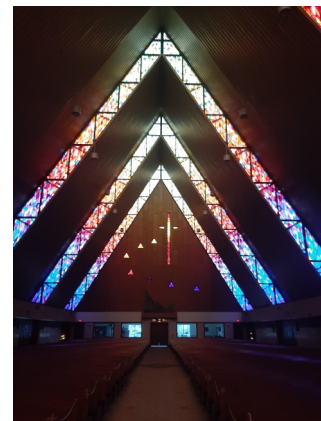
Make Your Reservations Now for July 18 Parish Center Blessing and Open House

We hope you'll plan to be on hand as our new Parish Center is blessed. It takes place on Sunday, July 18 at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments, tours and an open house. For planning purposes, we need to know who will be there. Reserve your spaces at www.mountcarmelpgh.org/pcblessing.

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Antiphon Booklets are Back

Earlier this month we returned to using the Antiphon booklets at our parish churches. As you'll recall, we had discontinued their use last year due to the COVID pandemic. The booklets, which can be found in the narthexes, contain the Entrance Antiphon and the Communion Antiphon for each day and are available to all members of the congregation in the churches where we have weekday Masses. The Entrance Antiphon may be omitted if an opening hymn is sung. Please be sure to return the booklets to the narthex following Mass. Thank you!



Parish Devotions Scheduled This Month

Each month, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish offers a number of opportunities for prayer. Below is a list of devotions scheduled for this month. For full details please visit www.mountcarmelpgh.org/devotions.

Spirit Refill Rosary

This Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
St. Teresa of Avila Church

Holy Hour, Exposition and Benediction

July 21, 7:00 p.m.
St. Teresa of Avila Church

Daily Rosary

M-F, after noon Mass
St. Sebastian Church

Weekday Rosary

M-W-F following 8:30 a.m. Mass
St. Athanasius Church

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday mornings after 8:30 Mass,
St. Athanasius Church



Knights of Columbus Raffling Bocelli Tickets

The Knights of Columbus Council 13959 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will hold a special raffle for four tickets to Andrea Bocelli's December 4 concert at the PPG Paints Arena. Tickets are \$30.00 each and the drawing will be based on the PA State Lottery three-digit drawing on November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

To purchase raffle tickets contact **Jay Kerr** (412-527-8573) or **Carl Dozzi** (412-370-3111).



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Gathering Hymn: Come, Follow Me

REFRAIN: Come, follow me and live; do not be afraid. Believe and trust in me;
Your faith will give you strength. Leave all your fears behind you;
Let your hearts be free, for I will be your guide. O, come and follow me.

1. Come, follow in these footsteps; I'll lead you gently home.
No shelter, food nor money will you need upon this road. (Refrain)
2. Come, walk across the water; place all your faith in me.
Cast all your doubts behind you to the wind and raging sea. (Refrain)

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Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

REFRAIN: Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord, let us see your kindness.

1. Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God,
Salvation is near to the ones who fear God. (Refrain)
2. Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall spring up as the water from the earth,
Justice shall rain from the heavens. (Refrain)
3. The Lord will come and you shall know his love, justice shall walk in his pathways,
Salvation the gift that he brings. (Refrain)

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Preparation of the Altar: Servant Song

1. What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises? I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.
2. I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.
3. Above, below, and around me, before, behind, and all through me,
Your Spirit burns deep within me. Fire my life with your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.
4. You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded. Come, see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my light. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

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Distribution of Holy Communion: Bread for the World

REFRAIN: Bread for the world, a world of hunger. Wine for all peoples: people who thirst.
May we who eat be bread for others. May we who drink pour out our love.

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,
Broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.
Where we divide your people you are waiting there
On bended knee to wash our feet with endless care. (Refrain)
2. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,
Poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.
Where we are tired and weary you are waiting there
To be the way which beckons us beyond despair. (Refrain)
3. Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to your feast,
At which the rich and pow'rful have become the least.
Where we survive on others in our human greed,
You walk among us begging for your ev'ry need. (Refrain)

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Distribution of Holy Communion: Christ In Me Arise

REFRAIN: Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision, open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. (Refrain)
2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way, taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you. (Refrain)
3. You know my heart and you know my ways, you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you. (Refrain)

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Sending Forth: Go to the World

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth.
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray.
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
For I am with you till the age shall end,
When all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Monday July 12 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Dolores E. Burnett †	Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	David Dengler, Jr. †	Kathy Perlik
Tuesday July 13 <i>Weekday/ St. Henry</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	John W. Scott †	Ruth Graf
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Thomas Rumsey †	Charlotte Rumsey
Wednesday July 14 <i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Lucille Deutsch †	David Deutsch
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Dorothy M. Geisler †	Dtr: Joy Geisler
Thursday July 15 <i>St. Bonaventure, Bish- op and Doctor of the Church</i>	8:30 AM	St. Athanasius	Tony Pirone †	Wife
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Frank J. Tokar †	Mary Tokar
Friday July 16 <i>Weekday/Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	8:30AM	St. Athanasius	Tom † & Mitzi Devlin	Parizio Family
	12 PM	St. Sebastian	Rev. Jack O'Malley †	Rev. John Rushofsky
Saturday July 17 <i>Weekday/ BVM</i>	11 AM	St. Athanasius	Confessions	
	4 PM Vigil Mass	St. Teresa of Avila	65th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Janet Darkey	Family
	5 PM Vigil Mass	St. Athanasius	Bill Lytle †	Cousins
	6 PM Vigil Mass	St. Sebastian	Joseph Sargent †	Maria & George Shaheen
Sunday July 18 Sixteenth Sun- day in Ordi- nary Time	8 AM	Incarnation of the Lord	All OLMC Volunteers	OLMC Finance Council
	9 AM	St. Athanasius	Patricia Scullion †	Mari DeVenyi
	10 AM	St. Sebastian	Mary Krist †	Linda Belack
	11 AM	St. Teresa of Avila	The People of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	



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Parish Social Ministry



As we venture into the warm days of summer, we have the opportunity to appreciate a particular aspect of our planet. In his encyclical, ***Laudato, Si***, Pope Francis encourages and challenges us to “care for our common home.” He notes, *I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concerns and affect us all...The universe as a whole in all its manifold relationships, shows forth the inexhaustible riches of God.*”

You might ask yourself, what does nature teach us about the Creator? Has your own experience of the created world helped you to pray or communicate with God?

Take some time to have a chat with nature!



, “For Christ plays in ten thousand places, Lovely in limbs not his To the Father through the features of men’s faces.” (Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ)

New Activities at the Community Center

Yoga Begins July 17

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.

Yoga will help you physically, and from a relaxation standpoint. Registered teacher. \$50/5 weeks.

Walk-ins welcome.

Pickleball Begins Wednesday July 7

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Pickle Ball is similar to indoor tennis. No experience is necessary. Come learn how to play! You will have lots of fun. \$2 per person per session. Call 412-585-5575.

**Information about classes
and activities is available at**

<https://www.mountcarmelpgh.org/community-center-1>

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry:

Items We Need

Your donations are always appreciated. Items we currently need are egg noodles, pancake syrup, canned vegetables, juice, jelly, hamburger helper, Uncle Ben’s Rice, mixed fruit, pears, peaches, liquid dishwashing soap, and laundry detergent.

Thank you for your
generosity



Worship



AND JESUS CALLED TO HIM THE TWELVE, AND BEGAN TO SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO, AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS. (MARK 6:7)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From Amos to the twelve apostles, God calls people of faith to serve others. Amos, a shepherd and horticulturist, was called to prophesy to Israel instead. Saint Paul was called to bring Christ's message to Gentiles all around the world. The Twelve were sent by Jesus in pairs to heal the sick and drive out demons. As we listen to today's readings, let us consider how we are called by God to give witness to the gospel.



Ted Rybka

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

This coming Friday, July 16th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This month of July also marks the first anniversary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (July 1st). To celebrate this historic occasion for our new parish, four new Our Lady of Mount Carmel icons were commissioned, as you may already know from Father John's bulletin articles and *The Shepherd's Voice* videos. If you look around our four churches, you should see them mounted but covered until their unveiling for the weekday Masses this coming Friday.

Next weekend, the icons will be uncovered and adorned as we bless them at all Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. Many of our parish adult choir members will lead the music at the 11:00 AM Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Following the liturgy, we will bless the new Parish Center at 12:30 PM with our Regional Vicar. Tours of the new center will also be conducted for all parishioners who wish to attend. We hope you can join us as we celebrate our new parish community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. All are welcome!



OUR FAMOUS CASH BASH IS BACK!

Saturday, October 2, 2021

6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Henninger Auditorium at St. Teresa of Avila

Tickets go on sale August 1st!



Deacon Bob
Koslosky

Faith Formation



We work together to share the Good News of Jesus.

Breaking Open the Word: Mark 6:7-13

"He sent them out to preach and teach, giving them power to do so." In the Gospel story from Mark, Jesus sends the disciples out to do his work.

Today's passage immediately follows the story of Jesus' rejection in Nazareth. If Jesus is rejected, the disciples continuing his work should also expect rejection.

Listen to the Word: As you hear Jesus sending his disciples out to teach in his name, what image comes to mind for you? What strikes you about this event?

Look into Your Life:

Children: Who would you like to talk to about Jesus? Do you have a specific person in mind?

Youth: When Jesus sent the disciples out, he was preparing them for the future when he would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

Adults: Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

Incarnate the Word: Choose one of the following activities as a way to "enflesh" the Sunday readings:

Talk with your family about how you can share the good news of Christ this week. At the end of the week have each family member share the following: This week I shared the good news with (Fill in the blank) by (Fill in the blank). As a family, invite someone to attend the Thursday event, Eat N' Pray in the Park Mass with you. Discuss ways you can help people feel welcome in your parish Community. Sit down with your family and share your Catholic heritage. Explain how the Catholic faith is handed down through your family. Talk about ways you celebrate your Catholic identity today.



July 16 is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our patroness!

A Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: "**Flos Carmeli.**"

O most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein that you are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us that have recourse to thee. *(Repeat three times)*

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. *(Repeat three times)*





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